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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL IMPASSE

REF: A) MTN GE 8800; B) MTN GE 8881

1. WE CONCUR IN VIEWS EXPRESSED BY MTN DEL (REF A) AND
WOULD REGARD ANY EFFORT BY EC TO CIRCULATE OR OTHERWISE
MAKE PUBLIC A UNILATERAL INTERPRETATION OF BRUSSELS TEXT
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AS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO US. IN ADDITION WE WOULD

FIND EQUALLY UNACCEPTABLE EC EFFORT TO GIVE US UNILATERAL INTERPRETATION PRIVATELY.

2. WE RECOGNIZE IMPERFECTION OF BRUSSELS TEXT AND SHARE MTN DEL VIEW THAT THIS PAPERING-OVER EFFORT IS NOT LIKELY TO ENDURE. NEVERTHELESS IT REPRESENTS A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO GET BEYOND TWO INCOMPATIBLE POSITIONS AT LEAST TEMPORARILY. HOWEVER IN OUR VIEW THE PROPOSED FRENCH TEXT (REF B) AND THE ATTITUDE WHICH IT REFLECTS REPRESENTS A REPUDIATION OF THE ENTIRE COMPROMISE EFFORT AND RAISES SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT EC WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATION.

3. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO MAKE ANY DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE RAMBOUILLET MEETINGS OR TO ACCUSE THE EC OF A "BREACH OF FAITH". WE AGREE HOWEVER WITH MTN DEL ASSESSMENT THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WOULD LIKELY QUESTION EC MOTIVES AND COMMITMENT IN LIGHT OF THE PUBLIC DECLARATION TO WHICH FOUR EC MEMBER STATES INCLUDING FRENCH SUBSCRIBED.

4. ACTION. U.S. MTN DEL IS REQUESTED TO INFORM EC (LUYTEN) OF OUR STRONG NEGATIVE REACTION TO PROPOSED SCENARIO DRAWING ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. WE STRONGLY OBJECT TO BOTH IDEA OF MAKING PUBLIC UNILATERAL INTERPRETATION OF BRUSSELS TEXT AND TO FRENCH TEXT (REF B). WE WOULD ALSO NOT ACCEPT SUCH A UNILATERAL INTERPRETATION EVEN IF MERELY GIVEN TO U.S. PRIVATELY.

B. WE REAFFIRM OUR ADHERENCE TO THE U.S. PROPOSAL TABLED AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF GROUP AGRICULTURE AS WELL AS THE OCTOBER 17 TEXT (BRUSSELS TEXT) WHICH REPRESENTS AN AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE CHIEF U.S. AND EC NEGOTIATORS (DENT/SOAMES) IN GOOD FAITH TO GET BEYOND TWO INCOMPATIBLE POSITIONS, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY. SINCE THE COMPROMISE REPRESENTS A PAPERING-OVER OF US-EC DIFFERENCES IT MAKES NO SENSE TO ADD OPPOSING UNILATERAL INTERPRETATION WHICH WILL NEGATE THE COMPROMISE EFFORT.

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C. OUR ACTION HAS BEEN WHOLLY CONSISTENT, FORTH-COMING AND RESPONSIVE AND REFLECTS THE COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE U.S.G TO MOVE THE MTN FORWARD, TO PRESERVE THE MOMENTUM FOR A LIBERAL TRADE POLICY AND TO IMPROVE THE WORLD TRADE SYSTEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

D. THE EC POSITION AS DESCRIBED BY LUYTEN PROVIDES

NO BASIS FOR AGREEMENT ON A WORK PROGRAM FOR GROUP AGRICULTURE.

5. FYI. IN EVENT OF EC EFFORT TO PUBLICIZE THEIR INTERNAL INTERPRETATION OF BRUSSELS TEXT AT MEETING OF GROUP AGRICULTURE OR TNC PROBABLE U.S. REACTION WOULD BE:

A. DECLARE THAT TEXT IS UNACCEPTABLE IN LIGHT OF EC INTERPRETATION WHICH AMOUNTS TO REPUDIATION OF OCTOBER TEXT, AS WELL AS MAY 8 COMPROMISE.

B. INDICATE THAT OUR PROPOSAL TABLED DURING SEPTEMBER GROUP AGRICULTURE MEETING STILL STANDS AND PROVIDES A BASIS TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE GROUP.

C. INDICATE OUR CONTINUED WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH PARTICIPANTS AT ANY TIME TO ACHIEVE MEANINGFUL LIBERALIZATION OF WORLD TRADE AS PROVIDED IN THE TOKYO

DECLARATION.

D. AGREE TO A NON-SUBSTANTIVE SUMMING-UP STATEMENT ON GROUP AGRICULTURE AS BASIS FOR CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO TNC. END FYI. KISSINGER

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